

Site, Plans for Buildings At Bolling Approved

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The National Capital Planning Commission approved final site and building plans yesterday for a three-building Defense Department complex for 10,400 employees at Anacostia's Bolling Field.

However, the approval is contingent on the outcome of a study of the South Capitol Street corridor to be completed by the D.C. highway department next September.

The height of the buildings, now tentatively set at 130 feet, will depend on the findings of the highway department, which has a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Transportation to study ways

to reduce congestion on South Capitol Street.

Under local law, buildings must not rise more than 130 feet above street level, and the highway department has not yet determined the path or elevation of the access road from South Capitol to the buildings.

The planning commission, an independent agency appointed by the President, acts as the central planning agency for the District.

District officials want to develop part of the 920-acre Bolling tract, formerly an Air Force base, for low-income housing. A plan for a self-contained community on the site was shelved by the planning commission after the late Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, imposed a moratorium through 1975 on use of the land by anyone but the military.

The three high-rise buildings, connected by two common lower levels and known as the "little Pentagon," are to cost \$133 million. Congress appropriated \$16.2 million last year to begin the project.

Employees for the complex will be transferred from "sub-standard or leased space" in the metropolitan area, the Defense Department said.

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